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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-37h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Any person soliciting funds or any other thing of value for donation
4 to a foundation by a person, firm, corporation or other entity shall, at
5 the time of such solicitation [and] or in any receipt for or other written
6 confirmation of such donation, clearly and conspicuously disclose to
7 the person, firm, corporation or other entity that the funds or other
8 things of value donated are to be provided to the foundation and that
9 the person, firm, corporation or other entity may request in writing
10 that its identity be confidential, and upon such request, the identity of
11 the person, firm, corporation or other entity shall not be publicly
12 disclosed.

13 Sec. 2. Section 4d-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

15 With respect to any state employee whose position is eliminated or
16 who is laid off as a result of any contract or amendment to a contract
17 which is subject to the provisions of this chapter and subsection (e) of
18 section 1-205, subsection (c) of section 1-211, subsection (b) of section
19 1-212, section 4-5, 4a-50, 4a-51, subsection (b) of section 4a-57,

20 subsection (a) of section 10a-151b, subsection (a) of section 19a-110 or
21 subsection (b) of section 32-6i, or any subcontract for work under such
22 contract or amendment, (1) the contractor shall hire the employee,
23 upon application by the employee, unless the employee is hired by a
24 subcontractor of the contractor, or (2) the employee may transfer to
25 any vacant position in state service for which [he] such employee is
26 qualified, to the extent allowed under the provisions of existing
27 collectively bargained agreements and the general statutes. If the
28 contractor or any such subcontractor hires any such state employee
29 and does not provide the employee with fringe benefits which are
30 equivalent to, or greater than, the fringe benefits that the employee
31 would have received in state service, the state shall, for two years after
32 the employee terminates from state service, provide to the employee
33 either (A) the same benefits that [he] such employee received from the
34 state, or (B) compensation in an amount which represents the
35 difference in the value of the fringe benefits that [he] such employee
36 received when in state service and the fringe benefits that [he] such
37 employee receives from the contractor or subcontractor.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

40 (a) There is established a Commission for Educational Technology
41 [] within the Department of Information Technology [] for
42 administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of: (1) The
43 Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information
44 Technology, or the Chief Information Officer's designee, the
45 Commissioners of Education and Higher Education, or their designees,
46 the State Librarian, or the State Librarian's designee, the chairperson of
47 the Department of Public Utility Control, or the chairperson's
48 designee, the chief executive officers of the constituent units of the
49 state system of higher education, or their designees, (2) one member
50 each representing the Connecticut Conference of Independent
51 Colleges, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the
52 Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, the
53 Connecticut Educators Computer Association, and the Connecticut

54 Library Association, (3) a secondary school teacher designated by the
55 Connecticut Education Association and an elementary school teacher
56 designated by the Connecticut Federation of Educational and
57 Professional Employees, and (4) four members who represent business
58 and have expertise in information technology, one each appointed by
59 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the speaker of the House of
60 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. The
61 Lieutenant Governor shall convene the first meeting of the commission
62 on or before September 1, 2000.

63 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 4d-80 of the
64 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
65 thereof:

66 (2) Develop, oversee and direct the attainment of state-wide
67 technology goals including:

68 (A) Connecting all institutions of higher education, libraries, public
69 elementary and secondary schools, regional educational service centers
70 and other parties through a state-wide high speed, flexible network
71 that will allow for video, voice and data transmission.

72 (B) Wiring all school classrooms and connecting them to the Internet
73 and to the state-wide high speed network through wired, wireless, or
74 any other digital transmission technology providing high speed
75 connectivity.

76 (C) Providing access for all public schools, public libraries and
77 libraries at institutions of higher education to a core set of on-line full
78 text resources and to the ability to purchase collaboratively for other
79 collections in order to maximize buying power.

80 (D) Ensuring, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,
81 competency in computing skills by the sixth grade for all students.

82 (E) Ensuring competency in specific computing skills and the
83 integration of technology into the curriculum for all public school

84 teachers.

85 (F) Ensuring that institutions of higher education offer a wide range
86 of course and degree programs via the Internet and through other
87 synchronous and asynchronous methods.

88 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 4d-82 of the general statutes is
89 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

90 (b) The commission shall oversee the preparation and submission of
91 a state-wide application to the federal Universal Service Fund to
92 enhance connectivity to the Connecticut Education Network, maximize
93 participation and grant attainment rates, and reduce overly
94 burdensome administrative requirements which discourage local
95 involvement. The commission shall prepare a feasibility report which
96 sets forth (1) a review of how and under what circumstances other
97 states have successfully submitted state-wide applications to the
98 Universal Service Fund, (2) an analysis of what should specifically be
99 incorporated into this state's application, and (3) an outline of
100 necessary actions to be taken by the commission for completion of a
101 state-wide Universal Service Fund application. The commission shall
102 work, in consultation with the Departments of Education [J] and
103 Higher Education and the regional educational service centers on the
104 feasibility report. No later than March 31, 2001, and for every
105 subsequent universal service funding cycle, the commission shall
106 submit a state-wide application for universal service funds.

107 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes is
108 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

109 (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the
110 Department of Social Services, shall coordinate a family resource
111 center program to provide comprehensive child care services, remedial
112 educational and literacy services, families-in-training programs and
113 supportive services to parents who are recipients of temporary family
114 assistance and other parents in need of such services. The family
115 resource centers shall be located in or associated with public schools,

116 and [] any family resource center established on or after July 1, 2000,
117 shall be located in a public elementary school unless the Commissioner
118 of Education waives such requirement. The commissioner shall
119 determine the manner in which the grant recipients of such program,
120 such as municipalities, boards of education and child care providers
121 shall be selected. The family resource center shall provide: (1) Quality
122 full-day child care and school readiness programs for children age
123 three and older who are not enrolled in school and child care for
124 children enrolled in school up to the age of twelve for before and after
125 regular school hours and on a full-day basis during school holidays
126 and school vacation, in compliance with all state statutes and
127 regulations governing child day care and, in the case of the school
128 readiness programs, in compliance with the standards set for such
129 programs pursuant to section 10-16p; (2) support services to parents of
130 newborn infants to ascertain their needs and provide them with
131 referrals to other services and organizations and, if necessary,
132 education in parenting skills to such parents; (3) support and
133 educational services to parents whose children are participants of the
134 child care services of the program and who are interested in obtaining
135 a high school diploma or its equivalent. Parents and their preschool
136 age children may attend classes in parenting and child learning skills
137 together so as to promote the mutual pursuit of education and enhance
138 parent-child interaction; (4) training, technical assistance and other
139 support by the staff of the center to family day care providers in the
140 community and serve as an information and referral system for other
141 child care needs in the community or coordinate with such systems as
142 may already exist in the community; (5) a families-in-training program
143 to provide, within available appropriations, community support
144 services to expectant parents and parents of children under the age of
145 three. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, providing
146 information and advice to parents on their child's language, cognitive,
147 social and motor development, visiting a participant's home on a
148 regular basis, organizing group meetings at the center for
149 neighborhood parents of young children and providing a reference
150 center for parents who need special assistance or services. The

151 program shall provide for the recruitment of parents to participate in
152 such program; and (6) a sliding scale of payment, as developed in
153 consultation with the Department of Social Services, for child care
154 services at the center. The center shall also provide a teen pregnancy
155 prevention program for adolescents emphasizing responsible decision-
156 making and communication skills.

157 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-19o of the general statutes is
158 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

159 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a program to
160 provide grants to youth service bureaus in accordance with this
161 section. Only youth service bureaus which were eligible to receive
162 grants pursuant to this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2000]
163 2001, or which applied for a grant by May 15, [2000] 2001, with prior
164 approval of the town's contribution pursuant to subsection (b) of this
165 section, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section for any
166 fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, [2000] 2001. Each such youth
167 service bureau shall receive a grant of fourteen thousand dollars. The
168 Department of Education may expend an amount not to exceed two
169 per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for
170 administrative expenses. If there are any remaining funds, each such
171 youth service bureau that was awarded a grant in excess of fifteen
172 thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, shall receive a
173 percentage of such funds. The percentage shall be determined as
174 follows: For each such grant in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, the
175 difference between the amount of the grant awarded to the youth
176 service bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and fifteen
177 thousand dollars shall be divided by the difference between the total
178 amount of the grants awarded to all youth service bureaus that were
179 awarded grants in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for said fiscal year
180 and the product of fifteen thousand dollars and the number of such
181 grants for said fiscal year.

182 Sec. 8. Section 10-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
183 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

184 (a) It shall be the policy of the state to encourage its students,
185 teachers, administrators and educational policy makers to participate
186 in international studies, international exchange programs and other
187 activities that advance cultural awareness and promote mutual
188 understanding and respect for the citizens of other countries.

189 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall establish an international
190 education advisory committee to explore international opportunities
191 for learning, exchange programs and the availability of curriculum
192 materials for students, teachers, administrators and educational policy
193 makers. The advisory committee shall investigate and compile
194 information concerning international education programs and
195 opportunities. The committee shall make recommendations to the
196 commissioner on the expansion of international education
197 opportunities and shall consider ways to encourage participation in
198 such programs. The committee shall advise the Department of
199 Education and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
200 having cognizance of matters relating to education on international
201 program opportunities and the availability of federal or nonprofit
202 agency funding for such programs. The department shall provide
203 information on international education opportunities to local and
204 regional boards of education.

205 (c) State agencies, including the educational institutions, may
206 exchange a limited number of professional personnel and students
207 with institutions of other states and other countries and may pay the
208 salaries of such personnel and may assign scholarships and grants-in-
209 aid to the exchangees. The authorized exchange of personnel and
210 students need not be parallel and simultaneous nor specific with
211 regard to the assignment of persons between institutions. If a vacancy
212 exists on the staff of any state agency, including the educational
213 institutions, because a leave of absence without pay has been granted,
214 such agency may engage the services of professional personnel of
215 other countries, and may pay such personnel so engaged from the
216 funds which otherwise would have been paid to such personnel on
217 leave of absence without pay.

218 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-51 of the general statutes is
219 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

220 (b) For the purposes of this section, "net expenses" means estimated
221 expenditures, including estimated capital expenditures, less estimated
222 receipts as presented in a regional school district budget. On the date
223 or dates fixed by the board, each town in the district shall pay a share
224 of the cost of capital outlay, including costs for school building projects
225 under chapter 173, and current expenditures necessary for the
226 operation of the district. The board shall determine the amount to be
227 paid by each member town. Such amount shall bear the same ratio to
228 the net expenses of the district as the number of pupils resident in such
229 town in average daily membership in the regional school district
230 during the preceding school year bears to the total number of such
231 pupils in all the member towns, provided that the board may
232 recalculate such amount based on the number of pupils in average
233 daily membership in the regional school district for the current school
234 year and may adjust each member town's payment to the regional
235 school district for the following fiscal year by the difference between
236 the last such payment and the recalculated amount. Until the regional
237 school district has been in operation for one year, such amounts shall
238 be based on the average daily membership of pupils in like grades
239 from each of such towns at any school at which children were in
240 attendance at the expense of such towns during the preceding school
241 year.

242 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-74d of the general
243 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

244 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
245 appropriations and after payments made pursuant to section 10-266j,
246 maintain a competitive grant program for the purpose of assisting local
247 and regional boards of education, [and] regional educational service
248 centers and nonsectarian nonprofit organizations approved by the
249 Commissioner of Education with the establishment and operation of
250 interdistrict cooperative programs. [, including] Such programs may

251 include programs pursuant to section 10-266bb, [and] lighthouse
252 schools, as defined in section 10-266cc, [but excluding interdistrict
253 magnet school programs] and programs conducted by interdistrict
254 magnet schools, provided such magnet school programs (1) are
255 conducted at the magnet school, (2) primarily serve children not
256 enrolled in the magnet school, and (3) are not programs for which a
257 local or regional board of education or a regional educational service
258 center receives funds pursuant to section 10-264h or 10-264l.

259 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, each application
260 shall be submitted pursuant to a cooperative arrangement on behalf of
261 two or more local or regional boards of education, by a regional
262 educational service center solely or pursuant to a cooperative
263 arrangement with one or more local or regional boards of education,
264 by a nonsectarian nonprofit organization approved by the
265 commissioner or, in the case of a lighthouse school, by a local or
266 regional board of education or regional educational service center.
267 Applications shall be submitted annually to the Commissioner of
268 Education at such times and in such manner as the commissioner
269 prescribes. In determining whether an application shall be approved
270 and funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
271 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to, the following
272 factors: (1) The specific objectives and description of the proposed
273 program; (2) the cost; (3) the number of school districts and students
274 that will benefit, provided on and after July 1, 1998, the commissioner
275 shall not award a grant for a program, other than a lighthouse school,
276 in which more than eighty per cent of the students are from one school
277 district; (4) the relative wealth of the participating school districts; and
278 (5) whether the proposed program is likely to (A) increase student
279 achievement, and (B) reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation.

280 Sec. 11. Subsection (d) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
281 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

282 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
283 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,

284 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
285 education operating a vocational [agricultural] agriculture center shall
286 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred
287 dollars for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the
288 previous school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the
289 amount of the grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are
290 calculated, within available appropriations, each local or regional
291 board of education operating a vocational [agricultural] agriculture
292 center that had more than one hundred and fifty out-of-district
293 students enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school
294 year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the
295 number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred and fifty
296 out-of-district students enrolled in such center on said date to the total
297 number of out-of-district students in excess of one hundred and fifty
298 out-of-district students enrolled in all vocational [agricultural]
299 agriculture centers that had in excess of one hundred and fifty out-of-
300 district students enrolled on said date.

301 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 10-76i of the general statutes is
302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

303 (a) There shall be an Advisory Council for Special Education which
304 shall advise the General Assembly, State Board of Education and the
305 Commissioner of Education, and which shall engage in such other
306 activities as described in this section. Said advisory council shall
307 consist of the following members: (1) Two appointed by the
308 Commissioner of Education, one of whom shall be an official of the
309 Department of Education and one of whom shall be a representative of
310 an institution of higher education in the state that prepares teacher and
311 related services personnel; (2) two appointed by the Commissioner of
312 Mental Retardation, one of whom shall be an official of the department
313 and one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or a parent of such
314 a person; (3) two appointed by the Commissioner of Children and
315 Families, one of whom shall be an official of the department and one of
316 whom shall be a person with disabilities or a parent or foster parent of
317 such a person; (4) one appointed by the Commissioner of Correction;

318 (5) four who are members of the General Assembly, one appointed by
319 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by
320 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by
321 the president pro tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the
322 minority leader of the Senate; (6) three appointed by the president pro
323 tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the
324 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, one of whom shall be
325 a member of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association
326 and one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of
327 such a person; (7) two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate
328 one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of such a
329 person and one of whom shall be a regular education teacher; (8) four
330 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a
331 representative of a vocational, community or business organization
332 concerned with the provision of transitional services to children with
333 disabilities, one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut
334 Association of Private Special Education Facilities and two of whom
335 shall be persons with disabilities or the parents of such persons; (9)
336 three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
337 whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Association of School
338 Administrators and a local education official, one of whom shall be a
339 person with disabilities or the parent of such a person and one of
340 whom shall be a member of the literacy coalition and a person with
341 disabilities or the parent of such a person; (10) two appointed by the
342 majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
343 a person working in the field of special-education-related services and
344 one of whom shall be a person with disabilities or the parent of such a
345 person; (11) four appointed by the minority leader of the House of
346 Representatives, two of whom shall be persons with disabilities or the
347 parents of such persons, one of whom shall be a member of the
348 Connecticut Association of Pupil Personnel Administrators and an
349 administrator of a program for children who require special education,
350 and one of whom shall be a special education teacher; and (12) eight
351 appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall be persons with
352 disabilities or parents of such persons and one of whom shall also be

353 associated with a charter school. The terms of the present members
354 shall expire on June 30, 1998. Appointments shall be made to the
355 council by July 1, 1998. Members shall serve two-year terms, except
356 that members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,
357 and (12) of this subsection whose terms commenced July 1, 1998, shall
358 serve three-year terms and the successors to such members appointed
359 pursuant to said subdivisions [,] shall serve two-year terms.

360 Sec. 13. Section 10-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
361 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

362 The State Board of Education shall use the industrial account within
363 the Vocational Education Extension Fund, established in connection
364 with its administration of vocational, technical and technological
365 education and training as a revolving account in securing personal
366 services, contractual services and materials and supplies, with such
367 equipment as may be chargeable to the cost of a specific production
368 contract or equipment of a nature which may be properly chargeable
369 to the account in general, provided the account shall not incur a deficit
370 in securing equipment which may be properly chargeable to the
371 account in general, in the establishment and continuance of such
372 productive work as such schools perform in connection with the
373 board's educational program for such schools. Claims against the state
374 in behalf of said board shall be paid by order of the Comptroller drawn
375 against said account. The proceeds of all sales resulting from the
376 productive work of the schools shall be paid into the State Treasury
377 and credited to said account. Within ten months after the close of each
378 fiscal period any balance, as of the close of such fiscal period, in excess
379 of [three hundred fifty] five hundred thousand dollars, as shown by
380 the inventory of manufactured articles, material on hand or in process
381 of being manufactured, bills receivable and cash balance, after
382 deduction of obligations, in the industrial account shall revert to the
383 General Fund.

384 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 10-144d of the general statutes is
385 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

386 (b) There is established the Connecticut Advisory Council for
387 Teacher Professional Standards. The council shall be composed of
388 seventeen members appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint
389 one public member who shall represent business and industry; the
390 State Board of Education shall appoint two members, one of whom
391 shall be a member of the faculty or administration of a State Board of
392 Education approved teacher preparation program and one of whom
393 shall be a public member who shall represent business and industry;
394 the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member
395 who shall represent business and industry; the speaker of the House of
396 Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a parent of a
397 child attending a public elementary or secondary school; the majority
398 leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall be a member
399 of a local or regional board of education; the majority leader of the
400 House of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall be a
401 school superintendent; the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint
402 two members, one of whom shall be a public member and one of
403 whom shall be a parent of a child attending a public elementary or
404 secondary school; the minority leader of the House of Representatives
405 shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a public member
406 and one of whom shall be a school administrator; the Connecticut
407 Education Association shall appoint four members who shall be
408 classroom teachers at the time of their appointment and during the
409 term of their membership on the council, two of whom shall be
410 elementary school teachers; and the Connecticut [State] Federation of
411 [Teachers] Educational and Professional Employees shall appoint two
412 members who shall be classroom teachers at the time of their
413 appointment and during the term of their membership on the council,
414 one of whom shall be an elementary school teacher. All appointments
415 shall be made and the names of the persons appointed shall be
416 submitted to the Commissioner of Education not later than October 1,
417 1990.

418 Sec. 15. Subdivision (1) of subsection (l) of section 10-145b of the
419 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

420 thereof:

421 (l) (1) For certified employees of local and regional boards of
422 education, except as provided in this subdivision, each professional
423 educator certificate shall be valid for five years and continued every
424 five years thereafter upon the successful completion of professional
425 development activities which shall consist of not less than ninety hours
426 of continuing education, as determined by the local or regional board
427 of education in accordance with this section, during each successive
428 five-year period. (A) Such continuing education completed by certified
429 employees with an early childhood nursery through grade three or an
430 elementary endorsement who hold a position requiring such an
431 endorsement shall include at least fifteen hours of training in the
432 teaching of reading and reading readiness and assessment of reading
433 performance, including methods of teaching language skills necessary
434 for reading, reading comprehension skills, phonics and the structure of
435 the English language during each five-year period. (B) Such continuing
436 education requirement completed by certified employees with
437 elementary, [or] middle grades or secondary academic endorsements
438 who hold a position requiring such an endorsement shall include at
439 least fifteen hours of training in the use of computers in the classroom
440 during each five-year period unless such employees are able to
441 demonstrate technology competency, in a manner determined by their
442 local or regional board of education, based on state-wide standards for
443 teacher competency in the use of technology for instructional purposes
444 adopted pursuant to section 4d-85. (C) Such continuing education
445 completed by (i) the superintendent of schools, and (ii) employees
446 employed in positions requiring an intermediate administrator or
447 supervisory certificate, or the equivalent thereof, and whose
448 administrative or supervisory duties equal at least fifty per cent of the
449 assigned time of such employee, shall include at least fifteen hours of
450 training in the evaluation of teachers pursuant to section 10-151b
451 during each five-year period. (D) In the case of certified employees
452 with a bilingual education endorsement who hold positions requiring
453 such an endorsement (i) in an elementary school and who do not hold

454 an endorsement in elementary education, such continuing education
455 taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour
456 requirement if it is in language arts, reading and mathematics, and (ii)
457 in a middle or secondary school and who do not hold an endorsement
458 in the subject area they teach, such continuing education taken on or
459 after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour requirement
460 if it is in such subject area or areas. During each five-year period in
461 which a professional educator certificate is valid, a holder of such
462 certificate who has not completed the ninety hours of continuing
463 education required pursuant to this subdivision, and who has not been
464 employed while holding such certificate by a local or regional board of
465 education for all or part of the five-year period, shall, upon
466 application, be reissued such certificate for five years minus any period
467 of time such holder was employed while holding such certificate by a
468 local or regional board of education, provided there shall be only one
469 such reissuance during each five-year period in which such certificate
470 is valid. A certified employee of a local or regional board of education
471 who is a member of the General Assembly and who has not completed
472 the ninety hours of continuing education required pursuant to this
473 subdivision for continuation of [his] a certificate, upon application,
474 shall be reissued a professional educator certificate for a period of time
475 equal to six months for each year [he] the employee served in the
476 General Assembly during the previous five years. Continuing
477 education hours completed during the previous five years shall be
478 applied toward such ninety-hour requirement which shall be
479 completed during the reissuance period in order for such employee to
480 be eligible to have [his] a certificate continued. The cost of the
481 professional development activities required under this subsection for
482 certified employees of local or regional boards of education shall be
483 shared by the state and local or regional boards of education, except
484 for those activities identified by the State Board of Education as the
485 responsibility of the certificate holder. Each local and regional board of
486 education shall make available, annually, at no cost to its certified
487 employees not fewer than eighteen hours of professional development
488 activities for continuing education credit. Such activities may be made

489 available by a board of education directly, through a regional
490 educational service center or cooperative arrangement with another
491 board of education or through arrangements with any continuing
492 education provider approved by the State Board of Education. Local
493 and regional boards of education shall grant continuing education
494 credit for professional development activities which the certified
495 employees of the board of education are required to attend,
496 professional development activities offered in accordance with the
497 plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-220a, or
498 professional development activities which the board may approve for
499 any individual certified employee. Each board of education shall
500 determine the specific professional development activities to be made
501 available with the advice and assistance of the teachers employed by
502 such board, including representatives of the exclusive bargaining unit
503 for such teachers pursuant to section 10-153b. The time and location for
504 the provision of such activities shall be in accordance with either an
505 agreement between the board of education and the exclusive
506 bargaining unit pursuant to said section 10-153b or, in the absence of
507 such agreement or to the extent such agreement does not provide for
508 the time and location of all such activities, in accordance with a
509 determination by the board of education.

510 Sec. 16. Subsection (d) of section 10-151 of the general statutes is
511 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

512 (d) The contract of employment of a teacher who has attained tenure
513 shall be continued from school year to school year, except that it may
514 be terminated at any time for one or more of the following reasons: (1)
515 Inefficiency or incompetence, provided, if a teacher is notified on or
516 after July 1, 2000, that termination is under consideration due to
517 incompetence, the determination of incompetence is based on
518 evaluation of the teacher using teacher evaluation guidelines
519 established pursuant to section 10-151b; (2) insubordination against
520 reasonable rules of the board of education; (3) moral misconduct; (4)
521 disability, as shown by competent medical evidence; (5) elimination of
522 the position to which the teacher was appointed or loss of a position to

523 another teacher, if no other position exists to which such teacher may
524 be appointed if qualified, provided such teacher, if qualified, shall be
525 appointed to a position held by a teacher who has not attained tenure,
526 and provided further that determination of the individual contract or
527 contracts of employment to be terminated shall be made in accordance
528 with either (A) a provision for a layoff procedure agreed upon by the
529 board of education and the exclusive employees' representative
530 organization, or (B) in the absence of such agreement, a written policy
531 of the board of education; or (6) other due and sufficient cause.
532 Nothing in this section or in any other section of the general statutes or
533 of any special act shall preclude a board of education from making an
534 agreement with an exclusive bargaining representative which contains
535 a recall provision. Prior to terminating a contract, the superintendent
536 shall give the teacher concerned a written notice that termination of
537 such teacher's contract is under consideration and, upon written
538 request filed by such teacher with the superintendent, within seven
539 days after receipt of such notice, shall within the next succeeding seven
540 days give such teacher a statement in writing of the reasons therefor.
541 Within twenty days after receipt of written notice by the
542 superintendent that contract termination is under consideration, such
543 teacher may file with the local or regional board of education a written
544 request for a hearing. A board of education may designate a
545 subcommittee of three or more board members to conduct hearings
546 and submit written findings and recommendations to the board for
547 final disposition in the case of teachers whose contracts are terminated.
548 Such hearing shall commence within fifteen days after receipt of such
549 request, unless the parties mutually agree to an extension, not to
550 exceed fifteen days (A) before the board of education [,] or a
551 subcommittee of the board, (B) if indicated in such request or if
552 designated by the board before an impartial hearing panel, or [,] (C) if
553 the parties mutually agree, before a single impartial hearing officer
554 chosen by the teacher and the superintendent. If the parties are unable
555 to agree upon the choice of a hearing officer within five days after their
556 decision to use a hearing officer, the hearing shall be held before the
557 board or panel, as the case may be. The impartial hearing panel shall

558 consist of three members appointed as follows: The superintendent
559 shall appoint one panel member, the teacher shall appoint one panel
560 member, and those two panel members shall choose a third, who shall
561 serve as chairperson. If the two panel members are unable to agree
562 upon the choice of a third panel member within five days after the
563 decision to use a hearing panel, the third panel member shall be
564 selected with the assistance of the American Arbitration Association
565 using its expedited selection process and in accordance with its rules
566 for selection of a neutral arbitrator in grievance arbitration. If the third
567 panel member is not selected with the assistance of such association
568 within five days, the hearing shall be held before the board of
569 education or a subcommittee of the board. Within seventy-five days
570 after receipt of the request for a hearing, the impartial hearing panel,
571 subcommittee of the board or hearing officer, unless the parties
572 mutually agree to an extension not to exceed fifteen days, shall submit
573 written findings and a recommendation to the board of education as to
574 the disposition of the charges against the teacher [.] and shall send a
575 copy of such findings and recommendation to the teacher. The board
576 of education shall give the teacher concerned its written decision
577 within fifteen days of receipt of the written recommendation of the
578 impartial hearing panel, subcommittee or hearing officer. Each party
579 shall pay the fee of the panel member selected by it and shall share
580 equally the fee of the third panel member or hearing officer and all
581 other costs incidental to the hearing. If the hearing is before the board
582 of education, the board shall render its decision within fifteen days
583 after the close of such hearing [.] and shall send a copy of its decision
584 to the teacher. The hearing shall be public if the teacher so requests or
585 the board, subcommittee, hearing officer or panel so designates. The
586 teacher concerned shall have the right to appear with counsel at the
587 hearing, whether public or private. A copy of a transcript of the
588 proceedings of the hearing shall be furnished by the board of
589 education, upon written request by the teacher within fifteen days
590 after the board's decision, provided the teacher shall assume the cost of
591 any such copy. Nothing herein contained shall deprive a board of
592 education or superintendent of the power to suspend a teacher from

593 duty immediately when serious misconduct is charged without
594 prejudice to the rights of the teacher as otherwise provided in this
595 section.

596 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 10-153f of the general statutes is
597 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

598 (a) There shall be in the Department of Education an arbitration
599 panel of not less than twenty-four [nor] or more than twenty-nine
600 persons to serve as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The
601 Governor shall appoint such panel, with the advice and consent of the
602 General Assembly, as follows: (1) Seven members shall be
603 representative of the interests of local and regional boards of education
604 and shall be selected from lists of names submitted by such boards; (2)
605 seven members shall be representative of the interests of exclusive
606 bargaining representatives of certified employees and shall be selected
607 from lists of names submitted by such bargaining representatives; and
608 (3) not less than ten [nor] or more than fifteen members shall be
609 impartial representatives of the interests of the public in general and
610 shall be residents of the state of Connecticut, experienced in public
611 sector collective bargaining interest impasse resolution and selected
612 from lists of names submitted by the State Board of Education. The
613 lists of names submitted to the Governor pursuant to subdivisions (1)
614 to (3), inclusive, of this subsection shall, in addition to complying with
615 the provisions of section 4-9b, include a report from the State Board of
616 Education certifying that the process conducted for soliciting
617 applicants made adequate outreach to minority communities and
618 documenting that the number and make-up of minority applicants
619 considered reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity. Each member
620 of the panel shall serve a term of two years, provided each arbitrator
621 shall hold office until a successor is appointed and, provided further,
622 any arbitrator not reappointed shall finish to conclusion any
623 arbitration for which such arbitrator has been selected or appointed.
624 Arbitrators may be removed for good cause. If any vacancy occurs in
625 such panel, the Governor shall act within forty days to fill such
626 vacancy in the manner provided in section 4-19. Persons appointed to

627 the arbitration panel shall serve without compensation but each shall
628 receive a per diem fee for [each] any day during which [he] such
629 person is engaged in the arbitration of a dispute pursuant to this
630 section. The parties to the dispute so arbitrated shall pay the fee in
631 accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

632 Sec. 18. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-153f of the
633 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
634 thereof:

635 (2) The chairperson of the arbitration panel or the single arbitrator
636 shall set the date, time and place for a hearing to be held in the school
637 district between the fifth and twelfth day, inclusive, after such
638 chairperson or such single arbitrator is selected. At least five days prior
639 to such hearing, a written notice of the date, time and place of the
640 hearing shall be sent to the board of education and the representative
641 organization which are parties to the dispute, and, if a three-member
642 arbitration panel is selected or designated, to the other members of
643 such panel. Such written notice shall also be sent, by registered mail,
644 return receipt requested, to the fiscal authority having budgetary
645 responsibility or charged with making appropriations for the school
646 district, and a representative designated by such body may be heard at
647 the hearing as part of the presentation and participation of the board of
648 education. At the hearing each party shall have full opportunity to
649 submit all relevant evidence, to introduce relevant documents and
650 written material [] and to argue on behalf of its positions. At the
651 hearing a representative of the fiscal authority having budgetary
652 responsibility or charged with making appropriations for the school
653 district shall be heard regarding the financial capability of the school
654 district, unless such opportunity to be heard is waived by the fiscal
655 authority. The nonappearance of the representative shall constitute a
656 waiver of the opportunity to be heard unless there is a showing that
657 proper notice was not given to the fiscal authority. The chairperson of
658 the arbitration panel or the single arbitrator shall preside over such
659 hearing.

660 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes, as
661 amended by public act 00-157, is repealed and the following is
662 substituted in lieu thereof:

663 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good
664 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational
665 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other
666 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of
667 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such
668 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions
669 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school
670 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide
671 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes
672 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,
673 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources
674 among its schools, and (3) a safe school setting; shall have charge of the
675 schools of its respective school district; shall make a continuing study
676 of the need for school facilities and of a long-term school building
677 program and from time to time make recommendations based on such
678 study to the town; shall report annually to the Commissioner of
679 Education on the condition of its facilities and the action taken to
680 implement its long-term school building program, which report the
681 commissioner shall use to prepare an annual report that [he] said
682 commissioner shall submit in accordance with section 11-4a to the joint
683 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
684 matters relating to education; shall advise the Commissioner of
685 Education of the relationship between any individual school building
686 project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term school building
687 program; shall have the care, maintenance and operation of buildings,
688 lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes and at
689 all times shall insure all such buildings and all capital equipment
690 contained therein against loss in an amount not less than eighty per
691 cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number, age and
692 qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school; shall
693 develop and implement a written plan for minority staff recruitment

694 for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall employ and
695 dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject to the
696 provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the schools
697 which shall be attended by the various children within the school
698 district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of school
699 age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for the
700 period required by law and provide for the transportation of children
701 wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for such
702 purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than five
703 years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable
704 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years
705 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for
706 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of
707 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such
708 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;
709 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen
710 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the
711 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of
712 section 10-184, and shall perform all acts required of it by the town or
713 necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed by law.

714 Sec. 20. Section 10-220d of the general statutes is repealed and the
715 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

716 Each local and regional board of education shall provide full access
717 to regional vocational-technical schools, regional vocational
718 [agricultural] agriculture centers, interdistrict magnet schools, charter
719 schools and interdistrict student attendance programs for the
720 recruitment of students attending the schools under the board's
721 jurisdiction, provided such recruitment is not for the purpose of
722 interscholastic athletic competition.

723 Sec. 21. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261 of the
724 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
725 thereof:

726 (2) "Average daily membership" means the number of all pupils of
727 the local or regional board of education enrolled in public schools at
728 the expense of such board of education on October first or the full
729 school day immediately preceding such date, provided the number so
730 obtained shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure
731 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased
732 by one one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day
733 of at least five hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred
734 eighty days and nine hundred hours of actual school work and be
735 increased by the full-time equivalent number of such pupils attending
736 the summer sessions immediately preceding such date at the expense
737 of such board of education; "enrolled" shall include pupils who are
738 scheduled for vacation on the above dates and who are expected to
739 return to school as scheduled. Pupils participating in the program
740 established pursuant to section 10-266aa shall be counted in
741 accordance with the provisions of subsection [(f)] (g) of section 10-
742 266aa.

743 Sec. 22. Subdivision (22) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
744 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

745 (22) "Resident students" means the number of pupils of the town
746 enrolled in public schools at the expense of the town on October first
747 or the full school day immediately preceding such date, provided the
748 number shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure
749 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased
750 by one-one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day
751 in the school year immediately preceding such date of at least five
752 hours of actual school work in excess of one hundred eighty days and
753 nine hundred hours of actual school work and be increased by the
754 full-time equivalent number of such pupils attending the summer
755 sessions immediately preceding such date at the expense of the town;
756 "enrolled" shall include pupils who are scheduled for vacation on the
757 above date and who are expected to return to school as scheduled.
758 Pupils participating in the program established pursuant to section 10-
759 266aa shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of subsection

760 [(f)] (g) of section 10-266aa.

761 Sec. 23. Section 10-265l of the general statutes is repealed and the
762 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

763 (a) Each local and regional board of education for a priority school
764 district pursuant to section 10-266p shall, within available
765 appropriations, require the schools under its jurisdiction to provide
766 additional instruction, unless the school principal determines that such
767 instruction is not necessary based on the recommendations of the
768 student's teacher, (1) for the 2000-2001 school year, and each school
769 year thereafter, to each student who fails to meet the state-wide
770 standard for remedial assistance on the reading component of the
771 fourth grade mastery examination under section 10-14n, and (2) for the
772 2001-2002 school year, and each school year thereafter, to each student
773 who fails to meet the state-wide standard for remedial assistance on
774 the sixth grade mastery examination under section 10-14n. The
775 instruction shall be designed to address the student's deficiencies and
776 may include tutoring, an after school or school vacation program, or a
777 week-end school program that is funded in accordance with section
778 10-265m.

779 (b) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, each local and
780 regional board of education for a priority school district shall require
781 (1) for the 2000-2001 school year, and each school year thereafter,
782 students in the schools under its jurisdiction who fail to reach the state-
783 wide standard for remedial assistance on the reading component of
784 such fourth grade mastery examination to attend school the summer
785 following the examination on which they failed to reach such standard,
786 and (2) for the 2001-2002 school year, and each school year thereafter,
787 students in the schools under its jurisdiction who fail to reach the state-
788 wide standard for remedial assistance on such sixth grade mastery
789 examination to attend school the summer following the examination
790 on which they failed to reach such standard. The superintendent of
791 schools may exempt an individual student from such requirement,
792 upon the recommendation of the school principal, based on the

793 student's progress with the additional instruction provided pursuant
794 to subsection (a) of this section. If a student does not receive such an
795 exemption, has been offered the opportunity to attend a summer
796 school program and fails to attend summer school, the local or regional
797 board of education shall not promote the student to the next grade.

798 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 10-265m of the general statutes is
799 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

800 [(b) In order to receive a grant, an eligible board of education shall
801 submit a plan for the expenditure of grant funds to the Department of
802 Education, at such time and in such manner as the commissioner
803 prescribes.]

804 (b) The plan shall include: (1) Criteria for student participation in
805 the program, including provision for priority to students who are
806 determined to be substantially deficient in reading, (2) criteria for
807 teacher selection that emphasize the skills needed for teaching the
808 summer program and criteria for establishment of the curriculum for
809 the summer program, and (3) a system for reporting, by school and
810 grade, on the number of students who attend the program, for
811 assessing the performance of such students in the program and for
812 tracking their performance during the school year. In deciding where
813 to establish a summer school program, eligible boards of education
814 shall give preference to elementary and middle schools with the
815 highest number of students who are substantially deficient in reading.

816 Sec. 25. Subdivision (3) of section 10-282 of the general statutes is
817 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

818 (3) "School building project", except as used in section 10-289, means
819 (A) the construction, purchase, extension, replacement, renovation or
820 major alteration of a building to be used for public school purposes,
821 including the equipping and furnishing of any such construction,
822 purchase, extension, replacement, renovation or major alteration, the
823 improvement of land therefor, or the improvement of the site of an
824 existing building for public school purposes, but shall not include the

825 cost of a site, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 10-286d;
826 (B) the construction and equipping and furnishing of any such
827 construction of any building which the towns of Norwich, Winchester
828 and Woodstock may provide by lease or otherwise for use by the
829 Norwich Free Academy, Gilbert School and Woodstock Academy,
830 respectively, in furnishing education for public school pupils under the
831 provisions of section 10-34; and (C) the addition to, renovation of and
832 equipping and furnishing of any such addition to or renovation of any
833 building which may be leased, upon the approval of the [State Board]
834 Commissioner of Education, to any local or regional board of
835 education for a term of twenty years or more for use by such local or
836 regional board in furnishing education of public school pupils.

837 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 10-283 of the general statutes is
838 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

839 (b) Notwithstanding the application date requirements of this
840 section, the Commissioner of Education may approve applications for
841 grants to assist school building projects to remedy damage from fire
842 and catastrophe, to correct safety, health and other code violations, [or]
843 to replace roofs, or to purchase and install portable classroom
844 buildings at any time within the limit of available grant authorization
845 and make payments thereon within the limit of appropriated funds,
846 provided portable classroom building projects shall not create a new
847 facility or cause an existing facility to be modified so that the portable
848 buildings comprise a substantial percentage of the total facility area, as
849 determined by the commissioner.

850 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 10-286 of the general statutes is
851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

852 (c) In the computation of grants pursuant to this section for any
853 school building project authorized by the General Assembly pursuant
854 to section 10-283 after January 1, 1993, any maximum square footage
855 per pupil limit established pursuant to this chapter or any regulation
856 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to this chapter shall

857 be increased by twenty-five per cent for a building constructed prior to
858 [1950] July 1, 1951.

859 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 10-292 of the general statutes is
860 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

861 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
862 a town or regional school district may submit final plans and
863 specifications for oil tank replacement, roof replacement, asbestos
864 abatement, code violation, [or] energy conservation, network wiring
865 projects or projects for which state assistance is not sought, to the local
866 officials having jurisdiction over such matters for review and written
867 approval. The total costs for an asbestos abatement, code violation, [or]
868 energy conservation, or network wiring project eligible for review and
869 approval under this subsection shall not exceed one million dollars.
870 Except for projects for which state assistance is not sought and projects
871 for which the town or regional school district is using a state contract
872 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, no school building project
873 described in this subsection shall go out for bidding purposes prior to
874 the receipt and acceptance by the state Department of Education of
875 such written approval.

876 Sec. 29. (NEW) A local or regional board of education may upgrade
877 its facilities for a central kitchen for the school district and make
878 improvements to satellite kitchens in individual schools as one school
879 building project under chapter 173 of the general statutes.

880 Sec. 30. The Commissioners of Education and Public Health shall
881 convene a task force to study the relationship between illness and the
882 performance of children in school. The task force shall consider
883 policies and programs that would assist ill children in improving their
884 school performance. On or before February 1, 2002, said
885 commissioners shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
886 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
887 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
888 public health on any recommendations for statutory changes needed to

889 implement such policies or programs.

890 Sec. 31. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
891 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

892 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
893 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
894 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
895 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
896 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
897 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
898 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
899 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
900 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
901 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
902 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
903 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
904 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
905 such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such
906 veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
907 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at
908 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
909 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
910 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
911 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
912 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
913 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a
914 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
915 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses
916 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
917 Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of Connecticut, (B)
918 has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
919 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (C) is
920 enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or
921 part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, and (6)
922 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-

923 294a, or a supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
924 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
925 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
926 killed in the line of duty. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in
927 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
928 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
929 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
930 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
931 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
932 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
933 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.

934 Sec. 32. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
935 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

936 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
937 Connecticut State University system (1) for any dependent child of a
938 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
939 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
940 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
941 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
942 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for
943 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
944 of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or combat support
945 role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15,
946 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990,
947 or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to
948 March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to such
949 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such veteran is
950 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of
951 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
952 admission to such institution, provided such person is enrolled in a
953 degree-granting program or, provided, at the end of the regular
954 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
955 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to
956 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to

957 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
958 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
959 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
960 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
961 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
962 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of
963 Connecticut, (B) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such
964 Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
965 guard, and (C) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution
966 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting
967 program, and (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as
968 defined in section 7-294a, or a supernumerary or auxiliary police
969 officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or a member of a
970 volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
971 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty. If any
972 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
973 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
974 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
975 educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of
976 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
977 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
978 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
979 Connecticut state universities.

980 Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 10a-99a of the general statutes is
981 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

982 (b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible
983 gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of any of the state universities of
984 the Connecticut State University system or the system as a whole of
985 cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has the value
986 that is ascertainable by the state universities or the system as a whole
987 and which the donor has specifically designated for deposit in the
988 endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the
989 gift, the universities or the system as a whole may and does deposit or
990 permit to be deposited in the endowment funds. (2) "Endowment fund

1091 state grant" means moneys transferred by the Department of Higher
1092 Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the
1093 endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate
1094 amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum
1095 commitment. (3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum
1096 commitment" means an amount not exceeding two and one-half
1097 [millions] million dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, five
1098 million dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, June
1099 30, 2002, June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, and seven million five
1100 hundred thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years ending June 30,
1101 2003, June 30, 2004, June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007.

1102 Sec. 34. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 59 or 60
1103 of the general statutes, for the period from July 1, 2001, to June 30,
1104 2007, The University of Connecticut may plan, design, and construct
1105 any project on any of the campuses of the university in accordance
1106 with the procedures specified in section 10a-109n of the general
1107 statutes.

1108 Sec. 35. Section 10a-104 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1109 subsection (c) as follows:

1110 (NEW) (c) The board of trustees may create a board of directors for
1111 the governance of The University of Connecticut Health Center and
1112 may delegate such duties and authority as it deems necessary and
1113 appropriate to said board of directors. The board of directors shall
1114 include members of the board of trustees designated by the
1115 chairperson of the board of trustees and such other persons as the
1116 board of trustees deems appropriate.

1117 Sec. 36. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
1118 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1119 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
1120 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
1121 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
1122 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed

1023 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
1024 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
1025 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
1026 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined
1027 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or
1028 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
1029 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
1030 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
1031 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
1032 said institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such
1033 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any
1034 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
1035 accepted for admission to said institution, provided such person is
1036 enrolled in a degree-granting program or, provided, at the end of the
1037 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient
1038 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers
1039 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person
1040 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after
1041 accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of the
1042 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of
1043 Connecticut, (B) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such
1044 Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
1045 guard, and (C) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution
1046 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting
1047 program, and (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as
1048 defined in section 7-294a, or a supernumerary or auxiliary police
1049 officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or a member of a
1050 volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
1051 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty. If any
1052 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions
1053 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an
1054 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such
1055 educational reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of
1056 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
1057 subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as

1058 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The
1059 University of Connecticut.

1060 Sec. 37. Subsection (e) of section 10a-168a of the general statutes is
1061 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1062 (e) For the fiscal years ending [June 30, 1999, and June 30, 2000] June
1063 30, 2001, and June 30, 2002, the Department of Higher Education may
1064 use up to [five] two per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of
1065 this section for program administration, promotion, recruitment and
1066 retention activities that are designed to increase the number of
1067 minority students pursuing teaching careers at Connecticut institutions
1068 of higher education.

1069 Sec. 38. Subsection (b) of section 10a-169a of the general statutes is
1070 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1071 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
1072 grants for students entering or enrolling in an information technology
1073 related degree or certification program at any public or independent
1074 institution of higher education in this state. The scholarship shall not
1075 exceed three thousand dollars per student per year. The scholarship
1076 shall not exceed the combined costs of tuition and fees of an institution
1077 at which a recipient is or will be enrolled. The Department of Higher
1078 Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients. Such
1079 requirements may include income guidelines. Students shall be eligible
1080 for such scholarships for each year they are enrolled in an information
1081 technology related degree or certification program for a total of not
1082 more than four years per student. Students may apply for such
1083 scholarships to the Department of Higher Education at such time and
1084 in such manner as the Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

1085 Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 10a-169b of the general statutes is
1086 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1087 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide a
1088 student loan reimbursement grant for persons who (1) attended any

1089 institution of higher education, (2) majored in an information
1090 technology related field, and (3) are newly employed on or after
1091 January 1, 2001, by an electronic commerce or information technology
1092 intensive company [,] that has registered with or otherwise been
1093 qualified by the Department of Economic and Community
1094 Development pursuant to section 32-8a in an information technology
1095 intensive occupation verified by the department and identified in the
1096 strategic plan produced pursuant to section 31-11v.

1097 Sec. 40. Subsection (a) of section 10a-203 of the general statutes is
1098 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1099 (a) Said corporation shall be governed and all of its corporate
1100 powers exercised by a board of directors which shall consist of thirteen
1101 members, as follows: The [chairman] chairperson of the Board of
1102 Governors of Higher Education and the Commissioner of Higher
1103 Education; seven public members appointed by the Governor, at least
1104 one of whom shall represent the private colleges, and commencing
1105 with the next regular appointments made on and after July 1, 1984, at
1106 least one shall be a financial aid officer at an eligible institution and at
1107 least one shall be a person having a favorable reputation for skill,
1108 knowledge and experience in management of a private company or
1109 lending institution at least as large as the corporation and all of whom
1110 shall be electors of this state; and two members from the House of
1111 Representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the House and one
1112 appointed by the minority leader of the House; two members from the
1113 Senate, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and
1114 one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. Those members
1115 who are appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years
1116 each from July first in the year of their appointment and until their
1117 successors have been appointed. Those members who are appointed
1118 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of
1119 the House, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the minority
1120 leader of the Senate shall be appointed for terms of two years from
1121 January fifteenth in the year of their appointment. The term of each
1122 appointed member of the board shall be coterminous with the term of

1123 the appointing authority or until a successor is chosen, whichever is
1124 later. The board of directors shall elect, from its own members each
1125 year, a [chairman] chairperson and a [vice-chairman] vice-chairperson
1126 who shall serve for terms of one year and who shall be eligible for
1127 reelection for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the
1128 unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.
1129 Directors shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be
1130 reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred by
1131 them in the performance of their duties under this chapter. Any
1132 member may designate in writing to the chairperson of the board of
1133 directors a representative to act in the place of such member at a
1134 meeting or meetings, with all rights and obligations at such meeting as
1135 the member represented would have had at the meeting.

1136 Sec. 41. Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1137 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1138 (a) The State Library Board may institute and conduct programs of
1139 state-wide library service which may include, but need not be limited
1140 to, (1) a cataloging and processing service to be available to libraries,
1141 (2) the creation and maintenance of current and retrospective union
1142 catalogs of books, union lists of serials and similar cooperative listings
1143 of library materials, (3) a program of coordinated acquisitions, storage
1144 and deposit of library materials, (4) the support and encouragement of
1145 the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries
1146 and to nonresident library patrons, (5) the provision of suitable high-
1147 speed communications facilities, (6) the creation and maintenance of
1148 bibliographic and regional reference centers, (7) the provision of
1149 traveling collections of library materials and of book examination
1150 centers, and (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations service
1151 for libraries.

1152 (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more
1153 library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of
1154 information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of
1155 those making inquiries.

1156 (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law
1157 library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court
1158 Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents,
1159 statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to
1160 section 11-10b.

1161 (d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library
1162 service for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided
1163 for in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b.

1164 [(e) The State Library shall plan and develop a computer-based and
1165 telecommunications-based network which shall be known as the
1166 "Connecticut Library Network". This network shall (1) be an expansion
1167 of the State Library's existing state-wide database, (2) have the
1168 potential to link all school, public and academic libraries and
1169 municipal government offices, and (3) for the purpose of making the
1170 State Library's information resources accessible through the state via
1171 the network, incorporate the linkage of the State Library to the library
1172 automation system at the Connecticut State University.]

1173 Sec. 42. Section 11-1d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1174 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1175 [Commencing with the first appointment made on or after July 1,
1176 1984, the trustees]

1177 (a) The State Library Board, after consultation with the Board of
1178 Trustees of The University of Connecticut, shall appoint an
1179 appropriate history scholar to serve as State Historian, who shall serve
1180 at the pleasure of the [board] State Library Board.

1181 (b) The State Historian shall: (1) Be a member of the Connecticut
1182 Historical Commission pursuant to section 10-320b, (2) edit or
1183 supervise the editing and publication of the public records of the state,
1184 (3) provide information and advice to members of the government at
1185 all levels, (4) assist the State Board of Education in efforts to promote
1186 the teaching of history in schools and teacher preparation programs,

1187 (5) respond to requests for advice from historical societies, (6) respond
1188 to requests for information on the state's history, (7) make public
1189 appearances and addresses on the state's history, (8) prepare
1190 bibliographies and other research aids relating to the history of the
1191 state, and (9) promote by appropriate informative and educational
1192 programs the celebration or commemoration of significant historical
1193 events.

1194 Sec. 43. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is
1195 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1196 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
1197 contrary, after an investigation has been completed and the
1198 Commissioner of Children and Families, based upon the results of the
1199 investigation, has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been
1200 abused by a school employee who holds a certificate, permit or
1201 authorization issued by the State Board of Education, the
1202 commissioner shall notify the employing superintendent of such
1203 finding and shall provide records, whether or not created by the
1204 department, concerning such investigation to the superintendent who
1205 shall suspend such school employee. Such suspension shall be with
1206 pay and shall not result in the diminution or termination of benefits to
1207 such employee. Within seventy-two hours after such suspension the
1208 superintendent shall notify the local or regional board of education
1209 and the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the commissioner's
1210 representative, of the reasons for and conditions of the suspension. The
1211 superintendent shall disclose such records to the Commissioner of
1212 Education and the local or regional board of education or its attorney
1213 for purposes of review of employment status or the status of such
1214 employee's certificate, permit or authorization. The suspension of a
1215 school employee employed in a position requiring a certificate shall
1216 remain in effect until the board of education acts pursuant to the
1217 provisions of section 10-151. If the contract of employment of such
1218 certified school employee is terminated, the superintendent shall
1219 notify the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the commissioner's
1220 representative, within seventy-two hours after such termination. Upon

1221 receipt of such notice from the superintendent, the Commissioner of
1222 Education may commence certification revocation proceedings
1223 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-145b.
1224 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211,
1225 information received by the Commissioner of Education, or [his] the
1226 commissioner's representative, pursuant to this section shall be
1227 confidential subject to regulations adopted by the State Board of
1228 Education under section 10-145g.

1229 Sec. 44. Subsection (d) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is
1230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1231 (d) For the purposes of receiving and making reports, notifying and
1232 receiving notification, or investigating, pursuant to the provisions of
1233 sections 17a-101a to 17a-101h, inclusive, and 17a-103, a superintendent
1234 of a school district or a supervisory agent of a nonpublic school may
1235 assign a designee to act on [his] such superintendent's or agent's
1236 behalf.

1237 Sec. 45. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
1238 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1239 (c) The commissioner shall establish eligibility and program
1240 standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and
1241 eligibility system with preference given to serving teen parents,
1242 low-income working families, adoptive families of children who were
1243 adopted from the Department of Children and Families and who are
1244 granted a waiver of income standards under subdivision (2) of
1245 subsection (b), and working families who are at risk of welfare
1246 dependency; (2) health and safety standards for child care providers
1247 not required to be licensed; (3) a reimbursement system for child care
1248 services which account for differences in the age of the child, number
1249 of children in the family, the geographic region and type of care
1250 provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of
1251 services provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful
1252 completion of fifteen hours of annual in-service training or

1253 credentialing of child care directors and administrators, and program
1254 accreditation; (4) supplemental payment for special needs of the child
1255 and extended nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process
1256 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which
1257 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding
1258 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative
1259 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate
1260 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover
1261 overpayments; and (9) a waiting list for the child care subsidy program
1262 that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in subdivision
1263 (1) of [subsection (c) of this section] this subsection, which is reviewed
1264 periodically, with the inclusion of this information in the annual report
1265 required to be issued annually by the Department of Social Services to
1266 the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with
1267 subdivision (10) of section 17b-733. Such action will include, but not be
1268 limited to, family income, age of child, region of state and length of
1269 time on such waiting list.

1270 Sec. 46. Section 31-11aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1271 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1272 (a) The Connecticut Employment and Training Commission within
1273 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall produce, within
1274 available appropriations, a report [, including a long-range strategic
1275 plan, for] on information technology workforce development,
1276 including a long-range strategic plan, that addresses Connecticut's
1277 workforce and research needs as they relate to information technology
1278 and electronic commerce. The commission shall work with the
1279 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education
1280 and Higher Education and any business-related association or
1281 organization that the commission deems appropriate in creating a
1282 planning structure, no later than July 5, 2000, to develop the plan. The
1283 planning structure shall include representation from the Connecticut
1284 Employment and Training Commission, the General Assembly, the
1285 Departments of Education, Higher Education and Economic and
1286 Community Development, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,

1287 information technology and software companies, the Connecticut
1288 Business and Industry Association, the Connecticut Economic
1289 Resource Center, the Connecticut Technology Council, The University
1290 of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System, the
1291 community-technical colleges, Charter Oak State College, the
1292 Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium, the Connecticut
1293 Conference of Independent Colleges and any other representatives
1294 including regional and state-wide business and technology
1295 associations the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission
1296 and commissioners deem necessary.

1297 (b) The report shall specify: (1) The number and job descriptions of
1298 workers in information technology intensive occupations and the
1299 associated occupational codes for those occupations as identified
1300 through the Standard Occupational Code classification system of the
1301 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, (2)
1302 a [forecasted] forecast assessment of demand by Connecticut
1303 employers in those occupations for two, five and ten years from July 1,
1304 2000, (3) methods to generate a sufficient number of information
1305 technology graduates to fill identified needs, including, but not limited
1306 to, scholarship, school-to-career and internship programs, (4) methods
1307 to effectively link appropriate and trained graduates to information
1308 technology jobs in this state, including, but not limited to, loan
1309 reimbursement programs, (5) what programmatic and curricular
1310 emphasis should be developed to support the growth of electronic
1311 commerce, software and information technology industries, (6)
1312 methods secondary and higher education and private industry can use
1313 to continue to address information technology workforce needs as they
1314 change and evolve over time, and (7) an assessment of existing state
1315 initiatives directed at improving workforce development in
1316 Connecticut's information technology and software industries and a
1317 method for ensuring such industries are informed, on a continual
1318 basis, of these and other workforce development options as they are
1319 implemented.

1320 (c) The commission shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to

1321 the General Assembly and the Governor by October 16, 2000. The
1322 report shall include the specifications of the plan. The commission
1323 may, prior to the completion of the report, release findings, data,
1324 conclusions or other content on an ongoing basis.

1325 Sec. 47. Section 52-434d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1326 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1327 (a) The Chief Court Administrator may establish a pilot program for
1328 the resolution of special education administrative contested cases. If
1329 the Chief Court Administrator establishes a pilot program, the
1330 Department of Education may refer up to twenty special education
1331 administrative contested cases which shall not be jury trials and shall
1332 be heard by judge trial referees or senior judges. The entry fee
1333 established by section 52-259 shall not apply to such cases. Any [cases]
1334 case certified by the Department of Education as being part of the pilot
1335 program shall be heard as a de novo case in the Superior Court and
1336 shall be appealable directly to the Appellate Court.

1337 (b) The Department of Education shall provide necessary funding
1338 for the pilot program to the judicial branch.

1339 Sec. 48. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that
1340 sections 1 to 6, inclusive, and 8 to 36, inclusive, and 38 to 47, inclusive,
1341 shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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